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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0677

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TAGS: AORG, ICRC, ET

SUBJ: ICRC OPERATIONS IN ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 056640; KHARTOUM 0602

1. FONMIN USEC MIRGHANI TOLD ME MARCH 17 THAT ICRC REP FROM GENEVA HAD VISITED KHARTOUM A WEEK AGO TO TRY INFORMALLY OBTAIN GOS APPROVAL FOR ICRC SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL ACCESS ERITREA VIA SUDAN. ICRC REP, WHOSE NAME MIRGHANI COULD NOT RECALL, SAID THAT EARLIER FORMAL APPROACH (KHARTOUM 400) HAD BEEN TACTICAL ERROR. ICRC NOW WISHED INQUIRE INFORMALLY REPEAT INFORMALLY RE POSSIBILITY ACCESS TO ERITREA, SINCE THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM UNNAMED ERITREANS THAT SUCH APPROACH WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. MIRGHANI CLAIMED HE HAD TOLD ICRC MAN THAT THERE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUDANESE FORMAL AND INFORMAL POSITIONS. PMAC CONCURRENCE WOULD FIRST BE NEEDED. (COMMENT. ICRC VISIT HERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN WAKE ICRC PRESS STATEMENT RE PMAC NON-COOPERATION REPORTED PARA 6 ADDIS 3108.)

2. MIRGHANI (WHO TOLD ME HE ALREADY KNEW THE ANSWER)

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THEN ASKED ICRC MAN WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE ANY PROBLEM

BOTHERING ETHIOPIANS WHICH PREVENTED REQUISITE PMAC/
ICRC COOPERATION. VISITOR ADMITTED THAT ERITREANS HAD USED
TRUCK PAINTED WITH RED CROSS IN RAID ON ASMARA JAIL WHEN
ELF/PLF CAPTIVES FREED. MIRGHANI OPINED ICRC SHOULD SEEK
CLEAR THIS UP WITH ETHIOPIANS. ICRC MAN REMINDED
MIRGHANI DIFFICULTIES THEY WERE EXPERIENCING IN CONTACTING
SENIOR ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS. MIRGHANI THEN COMMENTED
BLANDLY THAT "OTHER MEANS" SHOULD BE USED (HE
TOLD ME HE HAD IN MIND SOME SORT OF EXCULPATORY STATEMENT
WHICH WOULD REACH PMAC EARS).

3. SINCE SUBJECT HAD COME UP, I TOLD MIRGHANI WE HAD SO FAR
RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFO RE STATUS MULTILATERAL DEMARCHE
SUGGESTED STATE 49035.
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